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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC AGENDA ITEM 7: EXPORT PROMOTION

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON JULY 14 ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE A "DECISION" (QUOTED BELOW) ON EXPORT PROMOTION AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER, THE DRAFT HAVING BEEN PRESENTED BY BRAZIL AFTER CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE US AS WELL AS WITH THE ECOSOC SECRETARIAT AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ITC. ASIDE FROM ENDORSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (CONFORMING TO OUR POSITION PAPER), THE EFFECT OF THE DECISION IS (1) TO ELIMINATE PERIODIC SECRETARIAT REPORTS TO ECOSOC, AS IT WAS AGREED UNNECESSARY FOR ECOSOC TO TAKE UP TECHNICAL AND PROGRAMMATIC REPORTS OF THIS KIND AND AS ITC'S OWN REPORTS TO GATT AND UNCTAD REACH ECOSOC ANYWAY VIA THE TDB ANNUAL REPORT; AND (2) MAINTAINS ECOSOC'S RIGHT TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF EXPORT PROMOTION WHENEVER WARRANTED, THUS REJECTING THE SECRETARIAT'S EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT ECOSOC SIMPLY PASS RESPONSIBILITY TO UNCTAD.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

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A TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (E/5828);

B ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN;

C DECIDES THAT THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CALLED FOR IN COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1362 (XLV) OF 2 AUGUST 1968 AND 1464 (XLVII) OF 28 OCTOBER 1969 NEED NO LONGER BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON A BIENNIAL BASIS UNLESS OTHERWISE DECIDED;

D DECIDES FURTHER TO MAINTAIN COGNIZANCE OVER THE SUBJECT OF EXPORT PROMOTION WITH A VIEW TO CONSIDERING THE MATTER FOR OVERALL CO-ORDINATION PURPOSES WHENEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. END QUOTE.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM WAS LOW-KEY, WITH BROAD ENDORSEMENT OF THE JAB REPORT COUPLED WITH A DESIRE TO HAVE THE DOOR OPEN TO FURTHER ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF ACTIVITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF UN EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AS CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT REQUIRE.DALE

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